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MEMORANDUM FOR THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

Re: Assistance to CIA to identify unwitting subjects of drug-testing.

Attached for your signature is a letter to Director Turner replying to his request for DEA cooperation in identifying those who may have been administered drugs without their knowledge in safehouses in New York City and San Francisco. According to Director Turner's letter, the CIA and the then Bureau of Narcotics "engaged in an operation of joint interest to the two agencies" that may have involved the surreptitious administration of drugs to human subjects at these locations. We have been in contact with DEA on this matter, and we are informed that the only DEA employee with substantial knowledge of this matter is now dead. Nonetheless, we believe that, even though this effort may prove fruitless, every reasonable attempt should be made to locate unwitting subjects of drug experimentation who may still be suffering adverse effects. We therefore recommend that you accede to Director Turner's request and offer DEA's cooperation.

Peter Bensinger has already been informed of this matter, and will contact Director Turner's office upon receiving a copy of the attached letter.

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Acting Assistant Attorney General
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cc: Peter Bensinger
Administrator
Drug Enforcement Administration